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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 925
94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education April 17, 2008 with recommendation that House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 925 Do Pass. Referred to the Committee on Rules pursuant to Rule 25(21)(f).

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AN ACT

To repeal section 167.131, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to school district procedures.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 167.131, RSMo, is repealed and four new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 160.072, 162.204, 163.400, and 167.131, to read as follows:

160.072. 1. Twins or higher order multiples from the same family shall be placed together in the same elementary school classroom if the children's parent or legal guardian requests such placement. Such request shall be made no later than fourteen days after the first day of each school year or fourteen days after the first day of attendance of the children during a school year if the children are enrolled in the school after the school year commences. If after placing twins or higher order multiples in the same classroom, the administration determines that such placement is disruptive or detrimental to the classroom environment, the administration shall have the authority to place the students in separate classrooms.

2. For purposes of this section, "higher order multiples" means triplets, quadruplets, quintuplets, or more.

162.204. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a school district may fulfill its statutory responsibility to maintain permanent records by maintaining or storing such records in a digital or electronic format. A school district that maintains or stores records in a digital or electronic format shall follow all guidelines, suggestions, or

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

5 recommendations set forth by the manufacturer of the digital or electronic storage media.
6 A school district shall not use or maintain digital or electronic storage media beyond the
7 manufacturer suggested or recommended period of time.

163.400. No school funds received by any public school district shall be used by
2 school districts, school administrators, teachers, or any other school personnel to purchase
3 alcoholic beverages, nor shall any public school reimburse any person for the purchase of
4 alcoholic beverages.

167.131. 1. The board of education of each district in this state that does not maintain
2 an accredited school pursuant to the authority of the state board of education to classify schools
3 as established in section 161.092, RSMo, shall pay the tuition of and provide transportation
4 consistent with the provisions of section 167.241, RSMo, for each pupil resident therein who
5 attends an accredited school in another district of the same or an adjoining county. **If the**
6 **sending district becomes delinquent in the remittance of tuition to the receiving district,**
7 **the department of elementary and secondary education may, upon request of the receiving**
8 **district, withhold an amount equal to the delinquent tuition from the state aid of the**
9 **sending district, until the matter is settled.**

10 2. The rate of tuition to be charged by the district attended and paid by the sending
11 district is the per pupil cost of maintaining the district's grade level grouping which includes the
12 school attended. The cost of maintaining a grade level grouping shall be determined by the
13 board of education of the district but in no case shall it exceed all amounts spent for teachers'
14 wages, incidental purposes, debt service, maintenance and replacements. The term "debt
15 service", as used in this section, means expenditures for the retirement of bonded indebtedness
16 and expenditures for interest on bonded indebtedness. Per pupil cost of the grade level grouping
17 shall be determined by dividing the cost of maintaining the grade level grouping by the average
18 daily pupil attendance. If there is disagreement as to the amount of tuition to be paid, the facts
19 shall be submitted to the state board of education, and its decision in the matter shall be final.
20 Subject to the limitations of this section, each pupil shall be free to attend the public school of
21 his or her choice. **Prior to the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year, the department of**
22 **elementary and secondary education shall establish specific criteria for the admission or**
23 **rejection of nonresident pupils residing in districts that have been declared unaccredited**
24 **who seek admission into adjoining accredited school districts, provided that individual**
25 **districts may set their own class size guidelines as long as such guidelines are applied**
26 **consistently throughout the district. A school district shall have the right to refuse**
27 **admission of a particular student if there is documented evidence that the student poses**
28 **a serious safety threat to the school environment. No public school shall deny admission**
29 **of any nonresident pupil from any district that has been declared unaccredited unless such**

30 **criteria are met. Appeals by either the district or the parent may be made to the state**
31 **board of education.**

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